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Comment: [REDACTED] the Communist Party in El Salvador issued specific directives to the newly formed parallel organization, the Partido de Orientacion Democratica (POD). The essence of these directives was that the POD should expand its membership to include all social sectors, and that it should not insist on keeping the executive leadership within student ranks. Instead, it should concentrate on broadening the party concepts to keep from dissipating its energies in contests between personalities, and to emphasize the spirit of unity.)

1. In accordance with the above directives, the POD created a workers' executive committee (Comite Ejecutivo Obrero) at a meeting held on 9 September 1948. It is composed of the following members:

Secretary of Economy	-	Napoleon Villacorta
Secretary of Agitation	-	Rafael Pena
Secretary of Organization	-	fnu Guerrero
Secretary of Exterior Relations	-	
Secretary of Propaganda	-	

The last two positions are held by representatives of railroad workers, whose names are not known. The Executive Committee will elect one labor member to belong to the POD Board of Directors.

2. The POD is carrying out its proposed policy of remaining a semi-overt party, but minimizing the Communist angle. In an action taken at the same meeting, G. Antonio Perez was expelled from the party for publicizing the Communist character of the POD and for having stated that the party was run by Communists.
3. There is evidence to show that Dr. Julio Fausto Fernandez, a leading Salvadorean Communist, is one of the important policy makers of the party, although he is not actually a member. He was directly consulted by party members as to the advisability of admitting A. R. Alvayero, a former professed anti-Communist who had changed his views. Fernandez considered the case and decided in favor of Alvayero's admission, stating that it was desirable to have all sectors represented in the party ranks.
4. It is believed that Ulises Flores, a student with leftist views and a charter member of the POD, may soon withdraw from the party because of its marked Communist character.

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